

IN THE NEWS

Little was known of Wycombe Wanderers at Ayresome Park until the news came through that they had unexpectedly won their replayed Cup Tie against Bournemouth. A glance through the record books however revealed that they must be a team of more than useful ability.

They are members of the Rothmans Isthmian League which contains all of the top class Amateur sides in the South, and they endorsed their 'class' by being Champions of their League last season.

Their Manager, Brian Lee who not only has guided them to the Third Round of the F.A. Cup for the first time in the Club's history, but has seen his team win the Isthmian League on no fewer than three occasions in the past five years. He seems to be the "Jack Charlton" of Wycombe Wanderers !!

The team boasts no fewer than five full internationals in Mead, Phillips, Reardon, Horseman and Searle, with others who have had trials for International Honours.

Their top scorer last Season was Tony Horseman with no fewer than 44 goals and he is already on the way to holding his position as he is bracketed with Steve Perrin at the top of their scorers' list. The complete

list of goal scorers in their League and Cup matches this season is as follows:-

Tony Horseman	14	Keith Mead	3
Steve Perrin	14	Paul Birdseye	2
Howard Kennedy	13	Alan Phillips	2
Dylan Evans	11	Graham Mackenzie	1
Keith Searle	8	Terry Reardon	1
Mick Holifield	7	Gary Hand	1

After Saturday we know much more about Wycombe. They are a "team" in all respects and coupled with the advantage of the famous ground slope they are a match for any opponents in a one-off cup tie.

We were sorry to learn that Mr. Jack Smethurst, their chairman was in hospital and unable to attend the ground but he had the unique advantage of seeing the game "live" from his hospital bed overlooking the ground. We wish him a speedy recovery. We also thank their back-room boys led by Mr. R. Lee, the Hon. Treasurer for their excellent arrangements and hospitality.

Finally there is no truth that after Saturday's results the F.A. have decided that Division 1 teams will play in the preliminary rounds of next year's F.A. Cup and the non-league teams will come in for the Third Round !!